

by measuring a frequency distribution of pulp fiber length and calculating a length-weighted
fiber length from the distribution.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown on pages 4-5 of this amendment. A complete set of claims in clean form is shown below.

Please replace claims 7 and 9, with the following:

7. (Amended) The molded article according to claim 1, wherein said article has a corner whose thickness is greater than the thickness of other portions of said article.

9. (Amended) The molded article according to claim 1, wherein said article further has a plastic layer on the outer and/or the inner surfaces thereof by vacuum forming or pressure forming, and said plastic layer is obtainable by laminating a plastic film on said molded article while said molded article is heated to a predetermined temperature, followed by gradual cooling.--

Please add new claims 13-14, as follows:

13. (New) The molded article according to claim 1, wherein said molded article is obtainable by heat drying under pressing a wet pulp deposited body onto the inner wall of a mold.

14. (New) The molded article according to claim 1, wherein said molded article has a plastic layer on the outer and/or the inner surfaces of said molded article, said plastic layer is obtainable by applying a resin solution or a resin emulsion on said molded article.--

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendment and accompanying remarks, is respectfully requested.